

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2005. No fee is due for the addition of any new claims.

Claims 1-3, 5-10, and 41-55 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-10, and 52-55 and allowed claims 41-51. The present Response cancels claims 1-3, 5-10 and 52-55, and adds claims 56-58, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 41-51 and 56-58.

I. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(A) OVER *LASSITER* (U.S. PAT. NO. 6,624,846)

Claims 1-3 and 5-10

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 5-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over *Lassiter*. In the interest of further prosecution, Applicants request cancellation of claims 1-3 and 5-10.

II. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(A) OVER *SEARS* (U.S. PAT. NO. 6,115,482)

Claims 52-55

The Examiner rejected claims 52-55 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over *Sears*. In the interest of further prosecution, Applicants request cancellation of claims 52-55.

III. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 41-51

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 41-51 are allowed.

IV. ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

Claims 56-58

The newly added claims are, it is submitted, allowable for at least the reasons given for the allowability of claims 41-51.

V. CONCLUSION


In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is

respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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